

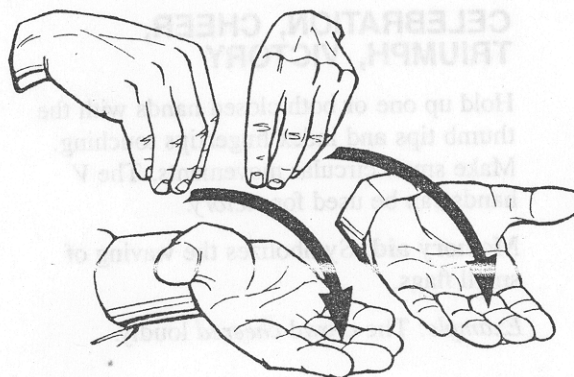
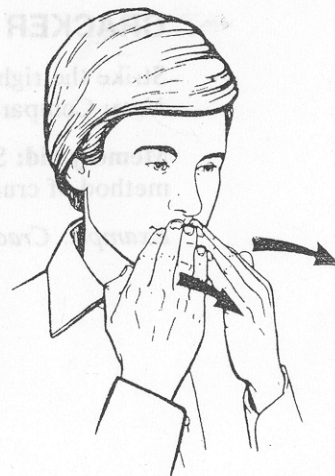
Sign Language  
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## THANKSGIVING

Touch the lips with the fingertips of one or both flat hands, then move the hands forward until the palms are facing up. Hold both curved hands to the front with palms facing down; then move them forward while simultaneously forming flat hands that point forward with the palms facing up. This sign is a combination of the signs for *thanks* and *give*.

**Memory aid:** Suggests a natural expression of affection when one is grateful, and a response made by giving.

*Example:* Thanksgiving is next week.

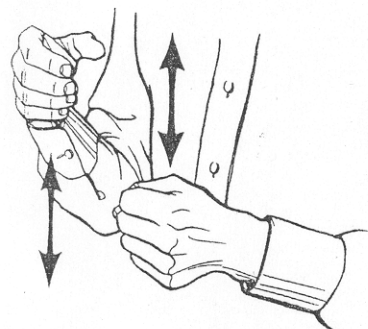


## MILK

Squeeze one or both slightly open S hands with a downward motion. Do it alternately if two hands are used.

**Memory aid:** Symbolizes the act of *milking* a cow.

*Example:* I'd like some cold *milk*, please.

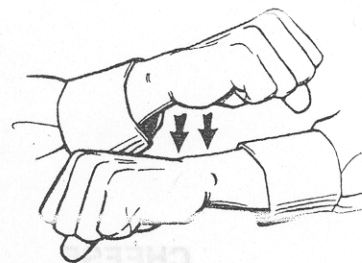


## WORK, JOB, LABOR, TASK

With the palms facing down, tap the wrist of the right S hand on the wrist of the left S hand a few times.

**Memory aid:** Suggests the action of a hammer.

*Example:* Sam needs a new *job*.



Story: "One Little, Two Little, Three Little Pilgrims", by B.G. Hennessy

Song: "Turkey in the Brown Straw"

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## CRACKER

Strike the right S near the left elbow.

*Note:* Compare *Passover*.

**Memory aid:** Suggests an old European method of crumbling *crackers* into soup.

*Example:* *Crackers* make a nice snack.



## CELEBRATION, CHEER, TRIUMPH, VICTORY

Hold up one or both closed hands with the thumb tips and index fingertips touching. Make small circular movements. The V hands can be used for *victory*.

**Memory aid:** Symbolizes the waving of small flags.

*Example:* The crowd *cheered* loudly.



## CHEESE

Place the heels of both hands together and rotate them back and forth in opposite directions.

**Memory aid:** Suggests the action of shaping *cheese*.

*Example:* I like a variety of *cheeses*.

